Ag programs set

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

A series of important programs have been scheduled that will interest the agricultural community. Detail programs are available from the County Extension Office.

Corn-Soybean Conference, February 12-13, Williamsburg;

Annual Meeting Virginia Crop Improvement Association, February 19, Richmond;

Timber Tax Workshop, February 23, Lexington;

Tobacco Energy Conference, February 24 -25, Danville;

Virginia Direct Marketing Conference, February 25-26, Charlottesville;

Annual Dark Fire Tobacco Program, March 2, 4:30 p.m., Appomattox County High School/Cafeteria;

Irrigation Conference, March 4, 9 - 3:30, Farmville;

Lynchburg Feeder Cattle Sales, April 2 and 16;

Farmville Feeder Sales, April 9.

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It's about time to seed tobacco plant beds. A major problem we often observe is plant beds with too many plants. A well prepared seedbed with 1 ½ level teaspoons of seed is about ideal.

Recently I've talked with some who like to add the seed to a gallon of damp, but not wet, nitrate of soda for each 100 square yards of plantbed.

The seed are seen as little specks on the white balls of soda, and, this way you can tell whether there is a good mixture. The mixture is then sowed in two different directions to get a uniform distribution of the seed. You can see the white granules on the soil surface to visually determine the pattern.

Fireplaces, stoves are the sources of heat for many homes. In these situations, creosote buildup must be constantly combatted. This is best done by avoiding long periods of smoldering air-starved burning which drives off through incomplete combustion the creosote producing tars which condense on cold surfaces and produce creosote buildup. An occasional hot fire seems to have a reducing effect on creosote buildup and should follow periods of air deprived operation in an airtight stove.

There are a number of chemical chimney cleaners on the market that may not have

been carefully tested for their effectiveness against creosote buildup. If a chimney has a buildup of ¼ inch or more, the chemicals will not do the job.

Elbow grease is the only effective method. Then, there is the question of possible corrosive action from the cleaners on the chimney itself.

This action is not well known.

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There is a new tobacco fertilizer analysis being offered by some companies, it's a 1:1:3. For tobacco soils testing high in phosphate, this would be a preferable analysis.

A study of Virginia tobacco soils a couple of years ago showed that 82% of Virginia soils would not respond to phosphorus application.

WEATHER

Last week	0
This month	.44
This Year	1.74

Happiness is 4-H

By FRANK SWEET
Extension Agent

When the preliminary 4-H Public Speaking program ends on Thursday of this week, more than 300 Appomattox 4-H'ers will have presented speeches. This level of participation is an all time high for 4-H Public Speaking. The special efforts made by many 4-H'ers and elementary school teachers are appreciated. The County 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be Thursday evening, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. at Appomattox Elementary School. Awards for 4-H Public Speaking are provided by Farmers National Bank.

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Over sixty young people were recognized at last week's 4-H Awards Banquet for their outstanding work during the past year. Approximately 150 individuals attended the covered dish dinner. Laura Walker, President of the 4-H Teen Leader Club, presided at the program.

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The Junior 4-H Demonstration and Illustrated Talk Contest will be held Saturday, March 28, at Appomattox Elementary School beginning at 9:30 a.m. Details will be given to 4-H'ers in early March.

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Strawberry plants will be offered to 4-H'ers during February in a new project designed to provide more families with a supply of fresh strawberries. 4-H families will have the opportunity to order three varieties of strawberries (Sunrise, Surecrop and Delite) at the cost of $1.00 per 25 plants. Order forms have been given to 4-H'ers beginning this week. If your family would like to order berry plants, but do not have an order form, please give us a call at the Extension Office.

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Now is the time for 4-H'ers to begin putting up bluebird houses. J. E. Sears and Company will once again provide precut bluebird houses to 4-H members at the cost of $1.25 per house. Bluebird houses need to be put on a post, pole or tree in the open and not more than seven feet off the ground.

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The Lucky Clover 4-H Club will hold a CPR Training meeting for all members on March 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Pamplin Elementary School. Members will have the opportunity to have their CPR Certificates renewed at this meeting. Mr. Ralph Inge and Mr. Tony Clifton will be instructors for the training course.

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Rev. Raymond H. Turner

Rev. Turner will be installed

The Rev. R. Q. Lawing Jr. will install the Rev. Raymond H. Turner as pastor of the Mt. Nebo Baptist Church in Dillwyn, Virginia on Sunday February 15 at three o'clock in the afternoon.

A calendar for shoppers

By SHIRLEY W. WALTON
Extension Agent

Calendar for Shoppers

This week I wish to share this excellent information from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services monthly newsletter.

January-After-Christmas clearance sales, sheets, towels, bedspreads, blankets, tablecloths, dishes, glassware, resortwear, coats, furs, shoes, toys, furniture, floor coverings.

February-Washington's and Lincoln's Birthday sales, Valentine's Day specials, furniture, floor coverings and rugs, housewares, electrical appliances, dishes, glassware, silverware, winter clothing, furs, used cars, storm windows, bicycles, sportswear and equipment.

March-Winter clothing, housewares, gardening supplies, tires, luggage, skiing equipment.

April-After-Easter and Spring sales, women's, men's and children's clothing, women's shoes, lingerie and hosiery, sleepwear, fabrics; housewares, paint and repair supplies, gardening supplies.

May-Mother's Day sales, Memorial Day specials, lingerie, jewelry, handbags, TV's, paints, wallpaper, outdoor furniture, luggage, auto tires and accessories.

June-Father's Day sales, floor coverings.

October-Columbus Day sales, women's coats, school clothes and supplies, fall/winter sportswear, lamps, hosiery, fishing equipment, major appliances, furniture.

November-Veterans Day, Election Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas sales; blankets, quilts, water heaters, major appliances, china and glassware, used cars.

December-Men's and children's wear, winter clothing, toys, jewelry, used cars, coats, shoes, party goods, after Christmas sales.

If you have a homemaking question or problem, call 352-8244 or write the Appomattox County Extension Office, P. O. Box 488, Appomattox, Va. 24522.

Should you be interested in enrolling in the Diet, Exercise, and Behavior Modification Classes, call our office.

Have a good week!

Virginia's Cherry Topped Cheesecake

1 pkg. yellow cake mix, 2 tablespoons oil, 2 pkgs. cream cheese (6 oz.), ½ cup sugar, 4 eggs, 1½ cups milk, 3 tablespoons lemon juice, 3 teaspoons vanilla, 1 can cherry pie filling.

Preheat oven to 300°. Reserve 1 cup dry cake mix. In large bowl, put other cake mix, 1 egg and oil. Press crust evenly in bottom and sides of 9 x 13 inch pan. Blend cream cheese and sugar. Add 3 eggs and other cake mix. Beat 1 minute at medium speed. At low speed add milk and flavorings. Pour into crust, bake at 300° for 40-45 minutes. Chill before serving. Use cherry pie filling as a topping.

Many thanks to Mrs. Virginia Babcock for sharing this delicious recipe with us.

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SOMEDAY SOON, it'll be a busy office instead of the classroom, and they'll be qualified, thanks to Vocational Education.

Students in Voc Ed

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jobs in merchandising, buying, selling, advertising, sales promotion, management, warehousing, market research and related occupations. Distributive education works to meet these vocational needs, enabling students to develop the competencies required for success in such careers.

In ACHS two teachers work with over 100 students; this is the only area where students are taught a skill outside of the school. Students are placed in job training positions and classroom activities relate to the job in which the student has been placed.

In the trade and industrial area there are four programs offered at ACHS: drafting, auto mechanics, electronics, and masonry.

Trade and Industrial Education is a balanced program of study and work experiences. Classes for students who desire training for employment in trade, industrial or service occupations are comprehensive and include instruction and technical information needed by skilled and competent workers. The skills needed on the job are taught in the school classroom.

Appomattox County High School does more than provide training and knowledge to students participating in the vocational education program. They 'keep track', so to speak, of graduating students. In October of each year a follow-up tells the Appomattox County School System just how many students have found employment, how many have gone on to a higher institution of learning, etc.

In the last follow-up conducted at ACHS, it was found that of those not going on to college, only seven and one-half percent were not employed. Compare this to the state average of 21 percent and it proves Appomattox County High School can and does turn out students ready for the job market.

February 8 through 14 is Vocational Education Week and Vocational Ed students at ACHS are getting the 'Know-How' for the '80's!

BRENDA CARTER, Vickie Cheatham, Mrs. Harriett Charlton (FBLA 'Granny'), Lisa Mann, Denise McCormick, Sharon Cheatham, and Wendy Gagneur celebrate Mrs. Charlton's birthday as part of FBLA week. The Club gave a Valentine's Day party to the residents of Babcock Manor as well. See story page 9

Scouts roll

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use concept by Westvaco. The land is not only used for timber production, but also water shed protection, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities such as hunting, the Klondike Derbies, scout camping and Spring Wildflower tours for area garden clubs. Ten Westvaco forestry employees also volunteered their Saturday to help run the competitive events. They included Andy Davis, Donnie Grimm, Trenor Hypes, and David Coffman from this area.

The Appomattox Scouts encountered a slight time handicap when they were chosen to be filmed for a feature on WSET TV News. The boys didn't seem to mind, showing their skills for the camera and crew and were soon back on the trail.

The Klondike Derby preceeded the start of National Boy Scout Week, which will mark the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Boy Scouts of America.

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